

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act, 1980 – Diversion of **72.2262 ha** (revised from 73.4788 ha) of forest land (in Sangareddy Division 10.4472 ha and in Bansawada Division 61.7790 ha) for 4 laning of Sangareddy- Nanded- Akola of NH-161 Section from Km 0/0 to 140/500 in favour of DGM (Tech) & Project Director, PIU NHA, Sangareddy – **Final (Stage-II) approval** – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 30

Dated: 23-10-2020

Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S. Hyd. Rc.No.2129/2018-FCA2, Dt:02.02.2019.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.471/For.I (1)/2019, Dt:13.02.2019.
3. From GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSA149/2019-CHN/0336, dt.01.03.2019.
4. From GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSA149/2019-CHN/0361, dt.05.03.2019.
5. From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Rc.No.2129/2018/FCA-2, Dt.05.08.2020.
6. State Govt. Lr.No.471/For.I (1)/2019, Dt:13.02.2019.
7. From GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSA149/2019-CHN/0361, Dt.05.03.2020.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **72.2262 ha** (revised from 73.4788 ha) of forest land (in Sangareddy Division 10.4472 ha and in Bansawada Division 61.7790 ha) for 4 laning of Sangareddy- Nanded- Akola of NH-161 Section from Km 0/0 to 140/500 in favour of DGM (Tech) & Project Director, PIU NHA, Sangareddy.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 6th read above, Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in her letter 5th read above, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Chennai for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 7th read above, the Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **72.2262 ha** (revised from 73.4788 ha) of forest land (in Sangareddy Division 10.4472 ha and in Bansawada Division 61.7790 ha) for 4 laning of Sangareddy- Nanded- Akola of NH-161 Section from Km 0/0 to 140/500 in favour of DGM (Tech) & Project Director, PIU NHA, Sangareddy under section-2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. The Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

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2. State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the diverted forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.
3. The State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over the identified degraded forest area in eight (8) RFs i.e. Nizamsagar, Kowlas, Gandhari II, Gandhari I, Vellutla I, Shekapur, Tadkole II and Gowraram to an extent of 126 ha in lieu of the proposed diversion of 61.7790 ha in Banswada Forest Division and over an extent of 20.8944 ha of degraded forest area in Compt No.403 & 405 of Narayankeda Range of Khajipally Chapta in lieu of the proposed diversion of 10.4472 ha in Sangareddy forest Division, at the cost of the User Agency.
4. As proposed by the DFO Banswada Forest Division, the State Forest Department shall raise plantation over the road area which would be dismantled between 104.50 km and 105.75 km and shall also carryout rejuvenation of forests within its vicinity in an area of 60 ha from the amount realized from the User Agency.
5. As proposed by the DFO, Sangareddy Forest Division, the State Forest Department shall carryout SMC work from the amount realized from the User Agency.
6. As proposed by the DFO, Banswada Forest Division, the State Forest Department shall carryout SMC work and other wildlife measures in the forest area adjoining to the diverted area from the amount realized from the User Agency.
7. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
8. The User Agency shall endeavour to avoid felling of trees existing on the forest land proposed to be utilized to the extent possible. Wherever necessary, felling shall be carried out under the strict supervision of the DFO/FDO concerned;
9. Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of trees instead of resorting to felling; from the amount realized from the User Agency;
10. Sufficient number of under passages shall be constructed at the project cost in consultation with forest department for easy movement of wild animals.
11. The User Agency shall construct retaining, walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
12. Construction of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams / rivers / canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
13. The height of the culverts to be constructed both in the forest and near by non forest area shall be kept at least 2.75 meters and the width shall be kept 4 meters at suitable locations as per the norms prescribed by

the wildlife institute of India and related guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC, in consultation with the Forest Department to facilitate crossing of wild animals'

14. Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;
15. The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
16. The User Agency shall arrange to raise strip plantation on either side of the road and also on the central verge at the project cost and maintain the same for 7-10 years;
17. There shall be speed breaker on the road wherever necessary which shall be decided in consultation with the DFOs concerned keeping in view of wildlife crossing and signage boards shall be erected at frequent intervals at the project cost;
18. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
19. The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage / tree felling and no labor camp shall be established inside the forest area;
20. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
21. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **72.2262 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
22. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
23. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
24. Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
25. The Progress in Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of Banswada & Sangareddy Forest Divisions shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal;
26. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action provision under FCA, 1980 and guidelines made thereunder.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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SC/SF.

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